

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

1. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A computer-readable medium comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to search for a first piece of sensitive information;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to search for a second piece of sensitive information;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to obtain a result of the search for the first piece of sensitive information;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to obtain a result of the search for the second piece of sensitive information;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to assign a first score to the obtained result of the search for the first piece of sensitive data, the first score assigned in accordance with a predefined criterion;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to assign a second score to the obtained result of the search for the second piece of sensitive data, the second score assigned in accordance with the predefined criterion;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to combine the first score and the second score; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide the combined score to a user.

22. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein sensitive information includes at least one of the following: a name, an address, a social security number, a telephone number, and an email address.

23. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for identity theft.

24. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for a privacy breach.

25. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for receiving spam.

26. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to search for the first piece of sensitive information is configured to search one or more web pages.

27. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to search for the second piece of sensitive information is configured to search one or more web pages.

28. (New) A method comprising:

searching for a first piece of sensitive information;

searching for a second piece of sensitive information;

obtaining a result of the search for the first piece of sensitive information;

obtaining a result of the search for the second piece of sensitive information;

assigning a first score to the obtained result of the search for the first piece of sensitive data, the first score being assigned in accordance with a predefined criterion;

assigning a second score to the obtained result of the search for the second piece of sensitive data, the second score assigned in accordance with the predefined criterion;

combining the first score and the second score; and

providing the combined score to a user.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein sensitive information includes at least one of the following: a name, an address, a social security number, a telephone number, and an email address.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising determining, from the combined score, a potential risk for identity theft.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising determining, from the combined score, a potential risk for a privacy breach.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising determining, from the combined score, a potential risk for receiving spam.

33. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein searching for the first piece of sensitive information includes searching one or more web pages.

34. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein searching for the second piece of sensitive information includes searching one or more web pages.

35. (New) A system comprising:

a first searching component configured to search for a first piece of sensitive information;

a second searching component configured to search for a second piece of sensitive information;

a first obtaining component configured to obtain a result of the search for the first piece of sensitive information;

a second obtaining component configured to obtain a result of the search for the second piece of sensitive information;

a first assigning component configured to assign a first score to the obtained result of the search for the first piece of sensitive data, the first score assigned in accordance with a predefined criterion;

a second assigning component configured to assign a second score to the obtained result of the search for the second piece of sensitive data, the second score assigned in accordance with the predefined criterion;

a combining component configured to combine the first score and the second score; and

a providing component configured to provide the combined score to a user.

36. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein sensitive information includes at least one of the following: a name, an address, a social security number, a telephone number, and an email address.

37. (New) The system of claim 34, further comprising a determining component configured to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for identity theft.

38. (New) The system of claim 34, further comprising a determining component configured to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for a privacy breach.

39. (New) The system of claim 34, further comprising a determining component configured to determine, from the combined score, a potential risk for receiving spam.

40. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein searching for sensitive information includes searching one or more web pages.